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Be Safe – Beware During Spring Break

Miami Beach-Every year our city welcomes the visit of thousands of college students enjoying our beaches during Spring Break vacation. These young people come ready to “unleash” pent-up energy after a semester of hard work and study. However, just because it is time to have fun under the sun, they should take some common sense steps to secure their safety while on vacation.

First and foremost, young people should stay in groups if possible. In addition, one member of the group should refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages, and be able to help others in case it is needed. Under no circumstances, should a spring breaker leave for the evening with a person that perhaps they met moments earlier. Likewise, while enjoying an evening at one of our clubs, they should not leave their drinks unattended. It is a well known fact that unscrupulous individuals will drug a young lady’s drink; later, after she is under the influence and not in control, she may become the victim of a sexual assault.

Use a taxi or public transportation to move within our city. Under no circumstances should a person accept a ride from a stranger, particularly if they are under the influence and vulnerable to being taken advantage of.

Young ladies should refrain from carrying purses and carry only an identification and sufficient money to pay for a taxi to take them back to their hotel.

While enjoying the facilities the hotel has to offer, common sense should prevail. In 2001 a young man lost his life while apparently jumping into the hotel pool.

Of course, the best advise is: “if the situation does not look right, trust your gut instinct.” Use common sense and move away from that situation or environment.

Detective Bobby Hernandez